

AMERICANS WANT TRADE OF ISLANDS

Removal or Reduction of the
Philippine Tariff is
Demanded.

SENATE PROPOSES AMENDMENTS

Coastwise Navigation Laws May
Be Extended to the
Archipelago.

Strong Sentiment Among Eastern
Newspapers for Free Trade With
the Islands—Spanish Ships and
Merchandise Given Equal Rights
in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senator Lodge said today that until the Philippines were further along toward self-support there would have to be a tariff between the islands and the United States, the proceeds of which would go to the islands.

He expressed the opinion that the Philippines tariff bill as passed by the House would be passed by the Senate, with a possible amendment relating to coastwise navigation.

In spite of Senator Lodge's statement there is such a strong agitation for a reduced tariff between the United States and the Philippines that the Senate may cut down the Payne bill. Shipping men, sugar and tobacco men and holders of concessions in the Philippines are all bombarding the Senators with letters and telegrams urging a reduced tariff. There is also quite a strong sentiment among certain newspapers for free trade, or, at least, a low tariff. Among these is the New York Tribune, which advocates free trade with the islands, on the ground that increased business will soon make up for the reduced revenues, besides powerfully aiding in pacification of the islands.

There is no objection in the Senate to applying coastwise laws to the Philippines, providing care is taken not to violate the treaty of Paris. Harold Sewall, former Minister to Hawaii, who has inherited his father's big shipping interests, and who is also interested in the American-Hawaiian line, has been urging the application of the coastwise laws to the Philippines. He spoke to a number of Senators on the subject and found no objection.

There has been some talk among the Senators on the subject, and the conclusion has practically been reached that an amendment will be offered providing for the extension of the coastwise laws to the Philippines on January 1, 1903, with the provision that article 4 of the treaty of Paris shall be added. This article gives Spanish ships and merchandise the same rights as our own in the Philippines.

MURPHY CLUB CONCERT.

Good Program is Prepared for To-night's Entertainment.

An elaborate program has been prepared by the entertainment committee of the club for this evening's entertainment which will commence at 8 o'clock and will consist of songs and instrumental selections as follows:

Song: Light and Life Inmortal. A. B. Wallace
Instrumental: Bred in Old Kentucky. Miss Schermann
Song: Just Because I Love You. Geo. Bools
Song: Get Away Jordan. Southern Quartet
Song: Belle of Manila. F. G. Noyes
Song: In the Gloaming. Miss L. A. Mattux
Harp Solo. John Brown
Ragtime: Mama Makes Sandy Have Himself. Hadden Robbins
Ragtime: Miss Maria Jackson. Miss Maria Jackson
Reading: The True Application of Temperance. R. D. Mattux
Song: The Man From Dawson City. James Flynn

New Year's Aftermath.

The Japanese, who indulged in a small sized riot on New Year's day on a vacant lot near the corner of Pihok and Kinu streets, and escaped arrest, again attempted to settle some fancied differences. It was when Kuroda and Shumida attempted to employ meat axes in exterminating each other, that the officers took a hand in the proceeding. The two Orientalists were placed under arrest yesterday.

NEW CONSTITUTION OF METHODISTS ADOPTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Announcement was made here today that the new constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was adopted at the last General Conference of that denomination, held at the Auditorium in 1900, and referred to the various conferences throughout the country, has finally been approved by the three-quarters vote required. The vote is as follows: Ayes, 8968; noes, 2231.

The element which opposed the new organic law of the church, because it provided for the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference, made war on the constitution all along, but met with defeat. One hundred and twenty-one annual conferences voted on the question, a total of 10,709 ballots being cast by delegates. The principal changes provided for in the new constitution are:

It gives women the right to sit as delegates in the General Conference. It gives laymen's electoral meetings authority to vote on constitutional questions. It changes the vote necessary in the General Conference to amend the constitution from three-fourths to two-thirds.

MAR UHAS BLACK EYES FOR A CARGO

When the ship American Maru arrived at San Francisco last week and the passengers, loaded with grips and much traveling impedimenta, began dribbling in ones and twos down the gangplank, the big bluecoat on the wharf looked hard, rubbed his eyes and whistled.

"Some iv' thing has been loaded with more than bundles," he said; and they looked the part. Of the men, about every fourth one who disembarked had his right optic in mourning. Most of those still able to see out of the right eye showed the left eye a mere narrow slit in a dark purple cloud of gloom. One passenger had strips of court plaster over the right brow. An elderly gentleman limped a little; but all looked happy.

There is considerable mystery connected with the shipping of this cargo of discolored organs of vision. Persistent inquiry among twelve different passengers elicited eleven different and inharmonious explanations. One would have it that he fell down the companionway during a storm. His friend insisted that there was no storm during the voyage, but that during a fierce game of cricket on deck his eye had stopped a swift ball. Jules Clerfayt, the new agent for the Trans-Siberian Railway, will tell you with a twinkle in his good eye that he thinks he remembers bumping into a constellation at the end of an obnoxious cabby's arm in Honolulu. Captain P. H. Going said little, but looked wise.

"No doubt a high roller had something to do with it," admitted Peter Fitzgibbons, son of Dr. Fitzgibbons of California street, as he nursed sundry abrasions of the knuckles. "You know there are several kinds of 'high rollers.' Who said I fought an eight-round battle with the New York lawyer? You will have to see him for further evidence."

Seeing him was evidence enough. Lawyer L. Gillespie's face looked like a Tintin war map. "There were only seven rounds," he said, "or—I mean I was wading up a large mule box Christmas night and had turned it only seven rounds—Mr. Clerfayt here counted them himself—when the metal handle slipped off and struck me above the eye, and on the nose, cutting some bad gashes."

"It was this way," said a gentleman who had counted the rounds, and presumably held the watch: "Gillespie, who is a strapping specimen of gentlemanly bulk, applied such an opprobrious epithet to young Fitzgibbons that nothing but blood could wipe it out. The result was an eight-round go with bare knuckles, any old rules. Gillespie was badly punished, and was confined to his stateroom for several days after. I wasn't there myself, but I heard that some other gentlemen became involved, and before quiet was restored each gentleman seemed to be imitating the Irishman at Donnybrook Fair—whenever he saw a head he hit it."

Lieutenant-Colonel Spicer of the First Marine Battalion said: "We had a spirited Christmas, but really I was asleep when the black eyes and abrasions were acquired by the other fellows, and, besides, I have heard that this trifling damage was done on shore, when we stopped a day at Honolulu. But it was a lovely voyage. Isn't the weather beautiful?"

CUBA IS IN LINE FOR LOWER TARIFF

Concessions to Islanders is
Discussed With Much
Favor.

SUGAR TRUST HAS INFLUENCE

Lower Tariff is Necessary to Pre-
vent Annexation and
Free Trade.

Senators Aldrich and Lodge Have a
Change of Sentiment—With a Re-
duced Tariff Cuba Might Work
Out Her Own Salvation—Secre-
tary Root on Reduced Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senator Aldrich, one of the leaders of the Senate, has come to the conclusion that a differential tariff must be granted to Cuba. Early in the session he shared with Senator Platt of Connecticut the opinion that nothing should be done for Cuba, as the United States had already more than carried out its obligations. Now, however, he advocates a reduction of the tariff, and bases his reason on the combination that has been formed to bring about annexation if the tariff is not reduced.

Senator Aldrich told Senator Perkins this week that the sugar trust and other strong influences were at work to bring about annexation, and that if the tariff were not reduced Cuba would be in such shape that the United States would practically be coerced into annexing the island. Aldrich added that he was opposed to an annexation, and that, rather than have the sugar trust secure free trade, which would follow annexation, he would favor the reduction of the tariff. He thought the matter would be reached during the spring.

"We must have a reduction of the tariff," said Senator Lodge. "If we do not, the influences that are working for annexation will be victorious. The people of Cuba, if they secure a reduction of the tariff, will be able to work out their salvation; but if they do not secure it they will be a unit for annexation. Their only market is the United States."

Secretary Root expressed an earnest desire to have the tariff reduced in order to relieve the tension in Cuba. Senator Perkins said he was opposed to the reduction of the tariff, but Senator Lodge replied that it was bound to come. Both Aldrich and Lodge favor a reduction of half a cent a pound on Cuban raw sugar, and a reduction on tobacco and other island products.

VENEZUELAN GO TO MARTINIQUE ISLAND

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, December 26.—Large numbers of Venezuelans have arrived. General Matos, the reputed leader of the division against President Castro, and the British steamer Ban Righ are still here. It is alleged that the vessel has on board 5,000,000 cartridges and 10,000 Mauser rifles.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, December 26.—The United States battleship Indiana has arrived at Willemstad, Island of Curacao. The British cruiser Tribune and the Dutch cruiser Utrecht have arrived here, and the German cruiser Vineta is expected to reach this port today.

HEAVY PAYMENTS OF EASTERN DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—One of the most interesting features of this time of year is the preparations of the banks in this city, Boston and Philadelphia for disbursing the January interest and dividends, which for these three financial centers alone are estimated at over \$200,000,000. It is roughly estimated that \$150,000,000 will be disbursed here, while some declare that \$35,000,000 will be paid out in Boston and \$25,000,000 in Philadelphia. These are the largest amounts on record for the purposes mentioned.

GUAM'S FIRST GOVERNOR DIES OF HEART FAILURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Navy Department this morning received the following telegram from Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commanding the Boston Navy Yard, dated today: "Captain Richard P. Leary, United States Navy, died this morning at Marine Hospital, Chelsea."

Captain Leary was the first Governor of Guam after that island came into the possession of the United States. He was relieved of the command of the receiving ship Richmond last October on account of heart trouble and granted six months' leave of absence.

Speculation in Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The speculation in sugar during the week had a dominant influence in the stock market, prices receding while that stock was under bear pressure and rising when the bears in sugar were routed and obliged to cover. Fears of a year end money squeeze have not proved justified and the market ignored the quite general decreases reported in gross earnings by railroads for the third week in December.

BATTLE OF CANALS EXPECTED TO RAGE

Panama Route Still a Strong
Factor in the Fight
Across Isthmus.

FRENCH COMPANY MAKES OFFER

Proposition to Accept Price Sug-
gested by the Government
Commission.

Panama Men Putting Forth Every
Energy to Land the Prize—Old
Route by the Way of Nicaragua
Not Looked Upon With Much
Favor by Many Senators.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special to the Record-Herald from Washington says: It may be Panama after all. As soon as the holidays are over and Congress says "return to town," the battle of the canals is expected to rage with great fury. Nicaragua still has the advantage, but it is not to be permitted to carry off the honors without a struggle. Panama is developing unlooked-for strength.

A private telegram from Paris received here today indicates that the new Panama canal company is prepared to submit to the United States a definite offer of sale at the value set by the Walker Commission, namely \$40,000,000. If the Panama company does submit such an offer, and includes in it all its property of whatever description, there is at least a chance that the strong tide now running in favor of Nicaragua may be stemmed.

In the House, it is not believed, that Panama at any price would receive consideration. The House is set for Nicaragua, and apparently nothing can change its views at this late hour. But in the Senate a strong Panama party is developing. Influential Senators say privately that they think Panama probably the better route, and if any offer to sell at the Commission's valuation is received, they declare that it shall receive favorable attention at the hands of the Senate.

The Commission, it is said, would have recommended Panama if it had had on hand a binding offer from the French company to sell for \$40,000,000, or perhaps for \$50,000,000.

Chauncey Depew Married.

NICE, Dec. 28.—The marriage of Senator Chauncey M. Depew to Miss May Palmer was celebrated at the American Church here today, following the ceremony of the Catholic marriage service at Notre Dame.

AMERICAN LINE TO PHILIPPINES WANTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin are getting tired of the transport service and are considering the transfer of the entire business to a private company. In this they are opposed by Quartermaster-General Ludington and his chief assistant, Colonel Bird, who believe the Government is doing its transporting to the Philippines more satisfactorily than private parties could.

Three or four attempts are being made by as many different men looking to the formation of a syndicate for handling this business, which means the permanent establishment of an American-Philippine steamship line. The Pacific Mail is reported to be anxious to get the business and will probably make an offer.

During the past year, according to General Corbin, the Government has expended \$9,000,000 on the transport service. Secretary Root believes this can be reduced by contracting. Part of the bargain to be struck with a private company will be to sell the vessels now in the transport service. In this respect some difficulty is looked for.

CATHOLIC LADIES' AID SOCIETY'S GOOD WORK

ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

During Past Twelve Months the So-
ciety Has Helped Thirteen Fam-
ilies and Sent Three Sick Persons
to Their Old Homes.

The Catholic Aid Society of Honolulu met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. McLain on Beretania avenue, and the secretary read the account of the business done by the Society during the past year. Receipts from various sources amounted to \$1,117.77 and disbursements to \$908.43. Ten families have been helped with room rent, food, fuel and groceries, and three are still being helped by the Society. Three needy and sick people have been furnished the means of going back to their own homes.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Berger, superintendent of the Associated Charities, was passed, in consideration of her help and sympathy for the Society.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. E. Murphy; vice president, Mrs. J. W. McDonald; secretary, Mrs. Chas. Smith; treasurer, Miss Grace Carroll.

G. A. R. INSTALLS OFFICERS.

Grand Army Veterans Indulge in a
Jolly Good Time.

The following officers of Geo. W. De Long Post, G. A. R., were installed at the meeting of the Post on Thursday evening: P. C., Edward Strout; S. V. C., C. H. Dickey; J. V. C., J. T. Copeland; Q. M., George Dietz; Adj., John W. Francis; Chaplain, Robert Nelson; O. D., W. F. Williams; O. G., Richard Sherman; Sergt. Maj., Jas. E. Duff; Surgeon, S. McKeague; Q. M. Sergt., W. McCandless; Past P. C., W. L. Eaton.

A jolly good time was the order of the evening after the regular business had been gone through.

AGED HAWAIIAN LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Kaaimalani, Mrs. Freeman's
Grandmother, Passed Away.

Yesterday morning one of the most well-known Hawaiian ladies of these islands, Mrs. Kaachookakua, Kaaimalani, died at the old age of 83 years at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Freeman on Kinu street.

The deceased was born at Waialua, Maui, and was married to the well-known Chief Kenalohahilopani who died a number of years ago. She was very feeble during her last years and seldom left the house, yet she was known by most of the natives here. The burial took place yesterday afternoon at Kawaiahao cemetery.

Wells-Fargo Moves.

The Wells-Fargo agency of this city, which has been taken over from Bishop & Co. by F. C. Enos, is at present installed with the Territorial Messenger Service in the Masonic Temple block.

Police Practice Polo.

High Sheriff Brown, Deputy Chas. Chillingworth, Lieut. Leslie, Chas. Norton, Mr. Ricker, H. Wilder and E. Halstead indulged in polo practice at Kaplanani Park yesterday afternoon.

EXCLUSION'S FORCE IN BATTLE ARRAY

Assistant Secretary Taylor to
Support Kahn's Bill
in Congress.

TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE IN LINE

Suggestion for Minor Change in
Measure Which Will
Be Made.

Effectual Closing of All Loopholes
Left By Geary Law—Senate Will
Not Oppose Prompt Action—
Senator Perkins is Hopeful of
Passing the Committee Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Representative Kahn was at the Treasury Department this morning and had a long conversation with Assistant Secretary Taylor in regard to Chinese exclusion. Secretary Taylor assured Kahn that the department was heartily in favor of the Kahn bill as amended by the committee in charge of it, and that the friends of exclusion could count on the influence of the department in its interest. The only change suggested by Taylor was that the regulations enforcing the law should originate with the Secretary of the Treasury instead of with the Immigration Commissioner, as the Secretary of the Treasury is the Commissioner's official superior. This amendment will be made to the bill.

Secretary Taylor's assurance of support is significant, as he has not heretofore been friendly to exclusion. He says now, however, that the exclusion bill is sure to pass and that Congress might as well do a thorough job while it is at it.

Senator Perkins was at the Treasury Department today and received the same assurances as were extended to Kahn. Perkins will introduce the same bill in the Senate. Both are much pleased with the strong position taken by the department.

Representative Kahn said: "It is of great importance to us that the Treasury Department has come out strongly on our side. I am particularly pleased with the change in Secretary Taylor's attitude. He is in direct charge of immigration affairs and can do much to help us."

Senator Perkins said: "People tell me they fear opposition to exclusion in the Senate, but I fail to hear of it from the Senators, and I have talked with many of them. I think there will be no trouble at all in passing the committee bill."

GOVERNOR ROGERS OF WASHINGTON DEAD

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Governor John R. Rodgers died this evening at 8 o'clock after an illness of six days. This morning he began to sicken, and passed into a comatose state. He grew steadily weaker throughout the day. The collapse was a surprise to his physician and family, as he rested better last night than he has since his illness began. He took some nourishment this morning, but became unconscious about 9 o'clock.

INSTALLATIONS POSTPONED.

Mystic and Oahu Lodges May Have
Public Ceremony Together.

Owing to the present indisposition of Supreme Commander Fetters the installation which was to have taken place at the Oahu Lodge of the Knights of Pythias tonight was postponed.

The installation of the Oahu Lodge may take place on Tuesday and that of the Mystic Lodge on Friday of the coming week, but it is also possible that a public installation of both lodges together may be held at Progress hall on Friday next.

Norrie Seriously Ill.

Genial Edmund Norrie, editor of the Independent, is at present under Dr. Herbert's care, as he is suffering from a serious case of dropsy. Mrs. Norrie is at present in ignorance of her husband's illness as she is visiting at Mana.

There May Be Some Hitch In Home Rule Republican Mass Meeting for Ratification of President's Message

Last night's meeting of the executive of the Home Rule Republican party was a lively one, although little or nothing was accomplished. Speeches were many, and more than once the voices of the various members crowded each other for acoustic privileges.

Copies of Delegate Wilcox' leper bill were handed around and the bill was discussed at considerable length. Many of those present were opposed to the measure, and said as much in no uncertain language. They strenuously objected to the leper settlement on Molokai becoming a Government reservation, as this would mean the sending of lepers to Molokai from all parts of the United States. This, they argued, would tend to hurt Hawaii as a resort and would be objectionable in other ways.

Wilcox' Leper Bill.

Delegate Wilcox introduced the following bill in the House of Representatives on December 17, 1901. It was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

A bill to provide a place for leprosy persons. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America assembled, That that part of the Island of Molokai, Territory of Hawaii, known as Kalaupapa, and now used as a place of confinement for leprosy persons, is hereby declared to be a Government

reservation, and all lepers there confined, or that hereafter may be confined there, shall be under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Section 2. That whenever the Board of Health of any State or Territory of the United States shall declare that a person is infected with leprosy, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to transport said infected person to said reservation and there confine said infected person until cured.

Section 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to make all needful regulations for the control of said reservation and shall have thorough investigations made as to the cause and as to the cure of leprosy.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall each year submit a written report to Congress as to the conditions on the said reservation.

Section 5. That the expense of transportation, care, medical attendance, amusement, and so forth, shall be paid by the United States Government, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall annually submit estimates for the same.

Section 6. That this shall become a law sixty days after its passage and approval.

In making its report the committee started a long argument on a resolution which was to be submitted to the

mass meeting. The Home Rulers present were divided into two sections. The more energetic and liberal men were anxious that everything in President Roosevelt's message to Congress bearing on the welfare of Hawaii should be ratified enthusiastically. Some of the very conservative of the members, however, while they did not seem to know exactly what they were driving at, contended that these matters should be long and seriously considered before anything was done. They did not seem to be quite sure that it was the right thing to ratify everything pertaining to Hawaii in the President's message.

The point in the message which most bothered them was in regard to the establishment in Hawaii of the traditional American form of government. The very conservative of the members were not quite sure what the traditional American form of government was. They said they had never seen it in Hawaii and could not tell what it was until it came here. The leaders of the party, however, their active spirits of the meeting, were heart and soul for an unqualified ratification of the President's message.

There is a possibility of some hitch in the proceedings, as matters were not fully decided last evening when the meeting broke up. It is expected, however, that everything will be arranged successfully and that the meeting will be a good one.